

IN THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A fastening and contact device to be mounted by means of an opening in a conductor that is in the form of a plate, said device comprising a sleeve inserted into the opening, ~~and such that the sleeve comprises~~ comprising shoulders that ~~come to rest on a periphery of the opening of a first side of the plate, characterized in that it~~ wherein the device further comprises a ring mounted around the sleeve, this ring coming to rest against the periphery of the opening of a second side of the plate, ~~and in that wherein~~ the sleeve and the ring are held in contact with the plate by a tightening means cooperating with the sleeve and a complementary device to be connected to the conductor.
2. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further characterized in that the sleeve has a passage provided with a threading in order to cooperate with the tightening means.
3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further characterized in that the passage comprises a stop defining a place for receiving a screw head.
4. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 3, ~~further characterized in that it~~ comprises comprising a retaining piece to

cooperate with the geometry of the screw head and the inner geometry of the second part in order to impede the rotation of the screw.

5. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, further characterized in that the sleeve is cylindrical, ~~that~~ the opening is circular and ~~that~~ the shoulders form a thin collar projecting out on the first side of the plate.
6. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, further characterized in that at least one additional conductive layer or insulating layer of the conductor is disposed on the second side of the plate, and ~~in~~ ~~that~~ the length of the ring is defined as a function of the thickness of the additional layer.
7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further characterized in that the conductor is a conductive plate provided with bus bars.